

## REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks that follow is respectfully requested. These comments are intended to advance the case to issue without delay. The claims in the application were 1-9, 13-21 and 27. By this amendment, claim 9 is cancelled. Accordingly, the claims now in the application are claims 1-8, 13-21 and 27.

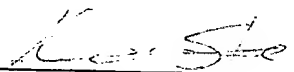
Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiners indication of allowance of claims 1-8, 13-21 and 27.

Claim 9 remains objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant has, by this amendment, cancelled claim 9. Accordingly, this objection is now moot.

In light of this amendment, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested and that the application be allowed to issue.

If a telephone conversation would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the present application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided.

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